



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes

### Representative Town Meeting

**Moderator Christine Conley, Representatives Karin Adams, Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joseph Baril, Alicia Bauer, Jordan Brayman, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, John A. Espada, Robert M. Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Matthew G. Longino, Jim Loughlin, Lisa M. Luck, Brandon Marley, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Meyer, Douglas Monaghan, Karen Morton, Kathy Neugent, Scott Newsome, Juliette M. Parker, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Shawn Powers, Richard Semeraro, Bill Smith, Judith Strode, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Fred Turnbull, Patricia Wagner, Lori A. Watrous, Ivy R. Williams and Jonathan E. Wilson**

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

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#### REGULAR MEETING

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#### A. ROLL CALL

*Moderator Conley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.  
32 members were present and a quorum was declared.*

Members Present: Moderator Conley, Rep. Adams, Rep. Ambroise, Rep. Baril, Rep. Espada, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Heede, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Longino, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Marley, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Meyer, Rep. Monaghan, Rep. Morton, Rep. Neugent, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Parker, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Powers, Rep. Semeraro, Rep. Smith, Rep. Strode, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Swindell, Rep. Turnbull, Rep. Wagner, Rep. Williams, Rep. Wilson and Rep. Brayman  
Members Absent: Rep. Bauer, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Luck and Rep. Watrous

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Graner, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Town Clerk Office Assistant II Michael Thorpe.*

#### B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

*The members observed a moment of silence in honor of National Police Week. Honoring those killed in the line of duty, followed by the Salute to the Flag.*

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2015

*A motion that the minutes be approved was made by Rep. Pasqualini, seconded by Rep. Monaghan*

*The vote on approval of the minutes carried 31 in favor, 1 abstention. ( Abstaining: Rep. Ambroise.)*

#### D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

*None.*

#### E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

*Resolution for FYE 2015 Fourth Quarter Transfers 2015-0095 was referred to the Finance Committee to report back in June.*

*Reps DeMatto, Garcia and Watrous are unable to attend tonight's meeting.*

*All are welcome to join in the fourth of July Parade.*

*A Public Hearing will be held by the Town Council and the Water Pollution Control Authority on May 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room 1 at the Town Hall Annex, on the ordinance appropriating \$8,230,000 for refurbishment of the ( WPCF ) and issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation.*

**F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER****1. Financial report**

*Mr. Oefinger reported that the Fund Balance as of April 30, 2015 is approximately \$11.0 million; the General Contingency balance is \$288,630; the Capital Reserve balance is \$2,477,323 as of April 30, 2015.*

**2. Monthly briefing**

*Mr. Oefinger reviewed items from the Town Manager's News including the Public Works Department Water Pollution Control Facility Open House and the expansion of the Veteran's Memorial.*

**G. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

*Dr. Graner reported that a School Facilities Task Force Meeting will take place on May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015. Information on these meetings will be forthcoming. He continued to say that there is currently a phone survey taking place to evaluate the support of the residents of Groton for the new school projects.*

**H. LIAISON REPORTS**

*None.*

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. FINANCE - Chairman Granatosky**

*No meeting; no report.*

**2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES - Chairman Semeraro****2014-0343 Sisisky Property, Flanders Road**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TWO PARCELS OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL M. SISISKY AND MARILYN E. SHAFF ON FLANDERS ROAD

WHEREAS, the Estate of Samuel M. Sisisky and Marilyn E. Shaff, Trustee of the Declaration of Trust of Marilyn E. Shaff, have offered to give two vacant parcels on Flanders Road to the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Sisisky parcels was referred to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended that the Town acquire the parcels, which are adjacent to the Town's transfer station and former landfill, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the Sisisky parcels (PIN 260906389111 and PIN 260910378309) on Flanders Road.

Refer to RTM.

**A motion was made that this matter be Adopted.**

*A motion to accept the property was made by Rep. Semeraro, seconded by Rep. Meyer.*

**The motion carried unanimously**

**3. EDUCATION - Chairman Swindell**

*No meeting; no report.*

**4. RECREATION - Chairman Svencer**

*No meeting; no report.*

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman Pasqualini**

*No meeting; no report.*

**6. PUBLIC WORKS - Chairman Heede**

*No meeting; no report.*

**7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Ambroise**

*No meeting; no report.*

**2015-0150 City of Groton Highway Maintenance FYE2016 Account 10901**

CITY OF GROTON HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FYE2016

**Referred**

*Rep. Marley voiced his concern over the City Highway Maintenance Budget and the RTM inability to change the numbers. His request for a referral was given to the Finance Committee to report back in June.*

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:02 p.m. motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Monaghan, seconded by Rep. Meyer and so voted unanimously.*